

## House Resolution No. 999

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

**Whereas**, Iona Loretta Meister Hemmerling, a treasured resident of Purdy, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Eighty-ninth Birthday on March 11, 2004; and

**Whereas**, Iona Loretta Meister came into this world in the Stones Prairie community west of Purdy on March 11, 1915, the granddaughter of German immigrants who came to America and settled in Perry County, from which her parents later moved and settled on a farm in the Stones Prairie community; and

**Whereas**, Iona embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Fred Hemmerling, a successful cabinet maker and furniture builder who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world; and

**Whereas**, Iona Hemmerling has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her two sons, David Hemmerling and William Hemmerling; her two grandchildren; and her one great-grandchild; and

**Whereas**, a remarkable woman who still lives on her farm and enjoys good health, Iona Hemmerling has distinguished herself as a devout member of St. John's Lutheran Church west of Purdy all her life; and

**Whereas**, now eighty-nine years young, Iona Hemmerling faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with those she holds most dear:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Iona Hemmerling as she proudly celebrates eighty-nine years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Iona Loretta Meister Hemmerling, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Larry Gene Taylor  
District No. 68

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 999, adopted March 11, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker